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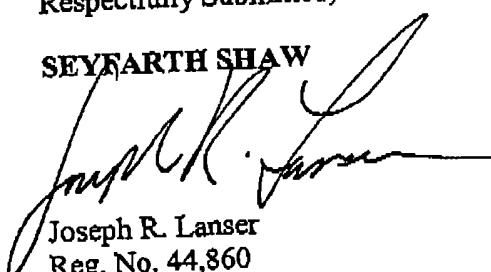
Dear Sir:

Enclosed, please find the following documents in regards to the above captioned patent application:

- 1) Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered in the record
for the patent application for the above captioned matter before the issuance of a First Office

Action.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 7-9, 12, and 14-19 as follows:

7. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim [5] 6 wherein said machine-readable
information is in magnetic ink character recognition fonts.

8. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim [5] 6 wherein said machine-readable
information is in optical character recognition fonts.

9. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim [5] 6 wherein said machine-readable
information is in bar coded fonts.